



Canadian Friends Service Committee E-Newsletter

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Figure 2: Actual and Forecasted Defence Budget (Cash Basis)

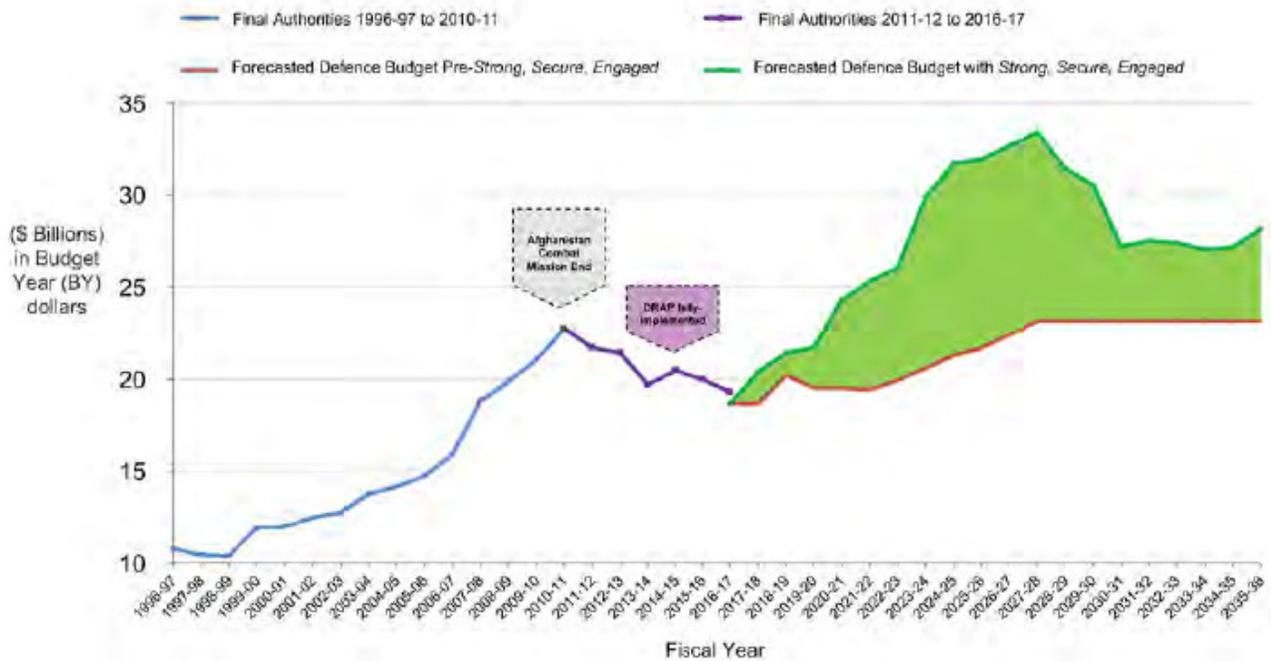


Figure from: *National Defence, "Strong, Secure, Engaged: Canada's Defence Policy."* 2017, p. 98. The green area represents the massive increase in military spending announced in June.

Our questions about Canada's defence budget

CFSC has been reflecting on and analyzing Canada's new national defence policy *Strong, Secure, Engaged* and the announced 73% increase in military spending. At this point we have many unanswered questions. We are particularly disturbed by the surprise nature of this announcement. We feel a need for public discussion about this major change in Canada's military spending and new offensive capabilities for fighting in wars abroad. Our analysis is at:

<http://quakerservice.ca/DefenceBudget>

Last chance for early-bird rates!

CFSC is helping to plan the conference *Redesigning the Tree of Life: Synthetic Biology and the Future of Food* from November 2 to 4. This promises to be a rich few days. There will be many chances for discussion, networking, and learning together. Early bird rates are only available until next Friday September 15! View an outline of the program and register at:

<http://redesigningthetreeoflife.eventbrite.com>

Learn more about synthetic biology at: <http://quakerservice.ca/SyntheticBiology>

Jane Zavitz-Bond discusses the significance of CFSC

Jane Zavitz-Bond may know more than anyone about the history of Canadian Quaker work for peace and justice. She has volunteered as Friends' archivist since the 1970s. We caught up with Jane during Friends General Conference Gathering to film a short video interview about the significance of Canadian Friends Service Committee. <http://quakerservice.ca/news/new-interview-quaker-historian-jane-zavitz-bond/>

CFSC justice workshops available

Is your Meeting or non-Quaker group interested in learning more about the issues CFSC works on, like penal abolition or changing harm-based approaches to criminal justice to healing ones? CFSC is happy to offer in-person experiential workshops to explore these issues. Please be in touch with us gfi@quakerservice.ca

Read about Joy Morris' experience with this workshop: <http://quakerconcern.ca/workshops-on-penal-abolition/>

World Quaker Day #WQD

Sunday October 1 is World Quaker Day and Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) invites you to mark the occasion. This year's theme is *Gathering in Worship Around the Globe*: "uniting Friends in different parts of the world and from different traditions in one big virtual worshipping community." If you take photos or write a poem for WQD you can email them to FWCC or share it on social media with #WQD. Find out more at <http://worldquakerday.org/>



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